

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 475

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO PLUMBING SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2604, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 54-2610, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN APPROVED TRAINING COURSE; AMENDING SECTION 54-2617, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE THAT CERTIFICATION BE MAINTAINED; AMENDING SECTION 54-2618, IDAHO CODE, TO REQUIRE PROOF OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 54-2627, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT INSPECTORS POSSESS A VALID IDAHO JOURNEYMAN CERTIFICATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT INSPECTORS BE CERTIFIED.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

SECTION 1. That Section 54-2604, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-2604. PLUMBING SYSTEMS. (1) A plumbing system, public or private, means and includes:

- (a) ~~p~~Plumbing fixtures, interconnecting system pipes and traps;
- (b) ~~s~~Soil, waste and vent pipes;
- (c) ~~b~~Building drains and building sewers;
- (d) ~~s~~Sanitary and storm water drainage facilities;
- (e) ~~l~~Liquid waste and sewerage facilities;
- (f) ~~w~~Water supply systems and distribution and disposal pipes of any premises;
- (g) ~~w~~Water treating and water using equipment attached to a plumbing system except for water conditioning equipment; ~~and~~
- (h) ~~a~~All the respective connections, devices and appurtenances of any plumbing system, public or private, within or adjacent to any building, residence, manufactured housing, or structure to and including a connection with any point of a public or private supply, distribution or disposal system or other acceptable terminal; and
- (i) Medical gas and medical vacuum systems.

(2) As used in this section, "water conditioning equipment" shall mean those devices necessary to remove impurities and sediment from water.

(3) As used in this section, "medical gas and medical vacuum" shall mean those systems requiring the installation, layout, cutting, joint preparation, fitting, purging and brazing or any other joint-making or assembly process necessary to install a medical gas system.

(4) A plumbing system does not include a single service integrated fire sprinkler system as defined in section 41-254, Idaho Code.

(5) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation to do, or cause to be done, whether acting as a principal, agent, or employee, any construction, installation, improvement, extension or alteration of any plumbing system or water conditioning equipment in any residence, building, or structure, or service

1 lines thereto, in the state of Idaho, without complying with the bonding
2 provisions as provided by section 54-2602, Idaho Code.

3 SECTION 2. That Section 54-2610, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
4 amended to read as follows:

5 54-2610. CERTIFICATE A PREREQUISITE. It shall be unlawful for any
6 person or firm, copartnership, association or corporation, to engage in
7 the business, trade, practice or work of plumbing in this state after
8 the adoption of this chapter, unless such person, or responsible person
9 representing such firm, copartnership, association or corporation, has
10 successfully passed an examination as provided herein and has issued to him
11 a state certificate of competency, which shall not be transferable, and said
12 certificates of competency shall not be required for sewer contractors,
13 sewage disposal contractors, or any excavating or utility contractors, or
14 for their employees, as set forth and defined in section 54-2602(1)(f),
15 Idaho Code. Prior to installing medical gas and medical vacuum systems,
16 an individual with a valid certificate of competency or registration must
17 successfully complete an approved training course including NFPA 99C and
18 section IX of the ASME welding and brazing code course.

19 SECTION 3. That Section 54-2617, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
20 amended to read as follows:

21 54-2617. CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION -- RENEWAL -- RULES FOR STAGGERED
22 SCHEDULE. (1) Certificates of competency shall be issued for a period of
23 three (3) years, and shall expire three (3) years from the date of issue,
24 unless sooner revoked or suspended.

25 (2) A certificate of competency for plumbing contractor or journeyman
26 may be renewed at any time during the month prior to its expiration by
27 providing proof of completion of the continuing education requirements as
28 established by the board and compliance with all other renewal requirements
29 of statute or rule. A certificate of competency for plumbing specialty
30 contractor and specialty journeyman may be renewed at any time during the
31 month prior to its expiration by compliance with all renewal requirements of
32 statute or rule.

33 (3) Failure of any holder to timely renew a certificate of competency
34 shall cause lapse of the certificate, but it may be revived within one (1)
35 year without examination only upon payment of the full initial fee.

36 (4) The board shall promulgate rules to provide for a staggered
37 schedule of issuing and renewing certificates of competency.

38 (5) Medical gas and medical vacuum installer certification shall be
39 maintained in accordance with the requirements of the American society of
40 sanitary engineering (ASSE) series 6000.

41 SECTION 4. That Section 54-2618, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
42 amended to read as follows:

43 54-2618. CERTIFICATE TO BE DISPLAYED AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY
44 AND REGISTRATION CARRIED OR IN VICINITY OF WORK SITE. All holders of valid
45 certificates in the contractor and specialty contractor classifications

1 shall display a sign or card, upon a form prescribed and furnished by the
2 division of building safety, for public view in their place of business.
3 All journeymen and specialty journeymen shall have their certificate of
4 competency on their persons or in the immediate vicinity of the work site
5 during working hours. Apprentices and specialty apprentices shall have
6 evidence of registration on their persons or in the immediate vicinity of
7 the work site during working hours. All holders of a valid medical gas and
8 medical vacuum certification shall have proof of such certification on their
9 persons or in the immediate vicinity of the work site when performing medical
10 gas and medical vacuum installations.

11 SECTION 5. That Section 54-2627, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
12 amended to read as follows:

13 54-2627. APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS -- QUALIFICATIONS -- UNLAWFUL
14 PRACTICES. The administrator of the division of building safety shall
15 appoint such number of inspectors as may be required for the effective
16 enforcement of this act. All inspectors shall be skilled in plumbing
17 installations with not less than five (5) years actual experience, shall
18 possess a valid Idaho journeyman certificates of competency prior to
19 appointment, and shall be fully familiar with the provisions of this act
20 and rules made by both the administrator and the Idaho plumbing board.
21 No inspector employed by the division of building safety and assigned to
22 the enforcement of this act shall be engaged or financially interested
23 in a plumbing business, trade, practice or work, or the sale of any
24 supplies connected therewith, nor shall he act as an agent, directly or
25 indirectly, for any person, firm, copartnership, association or corporation
26 so engaged. Inspectors employed by municipalities electing to claim
27 exemption under this act must possess the qualifications set forth in this
28 section. Inspectors shall be certified through IAPMO to perform plumbing
29 inspections. Inspectors performing medical gas inspections shall be
30 certified through a recognized certification program.